



GOVERNMENT PROPORTION

Adolph Busch Favors an Income Tax Law.

SHARING PROSPERITY

Too Many Rich Stingy Men in the United States Says Busch.

PRESIDENT OF PRINECTON

Thinks the Country Has Laws Enough and a More Rigid Enforcement Would Be Beneficial to the Country.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—Adolphus Busch, the multi-millionaire brewer, says that he is in favor of an income tax law. Discussing that part of President Roosevelt's message referring to an income tax, Mr. Busch said yesterday:

"If there were not so many stingy rich men in the United States every man with an income would be paying his fair proportion of government taxes.

"A man with money is so fortunate that I believe he should be respectably liberal. I have always wondered why it is that those of us who have so much of this world's goods still want to get more and more still and never share our prosperity with others.

"Now I don't want to see men for accumulating money. That's what I call thrift. We can't have too much of it in this country. But this thing of the wealthy man objecting because the government wants to put on a tax that may affect him is silly and shortsighted."

Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton University, came out against the income tax, and in favor of proper application of present laws, rather than the passage of new laws, in an address at the banquet of the Southern Society last night. Professor Wilson said:

"We have reverence enough for the laws, if it be an evidence of reverence that we think that making law consists of legislation. I don't think that this country needs any more laws. I think we have laws enough. What this country needs is a more searching process in the application of the laws, and less regard for persons in that application.

"It is proposed now that taxes shall be punitive; that men shall be punished for getting rich. A government which has a discriminating tariff cannot in conscience punish a man for getting rich. In my opinion there is only one sort of tariff that is just, and that is a tariff that does not discriminate. I know of only one legitimate object of taxation, and that is to pay the expenses of the government."

INVESTIGATE SHORTAGE

Governor Meade Appoints Committee to Investigate Coal Famine.

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—Owing to the continued scarcity of coal throughout the state of Washington, Governor Meade has appointed a committee of state officers to investigate the shortage; place the blame and invoke the law if necessary to bring relief. The personnel of the committee is as follows: H. A. Fairchild, chairman of Railway Commission; J. C. Lawrence, and J. E. McMullen, members of Railway Commission; John D. Atkinson, attorney general; David Botting, mining inspector; C. F. Hubbard, labor

inspector; John Arrasmith, grain commissioner; Ortes Hamilton, adjutant general of Washington National guards; Herbert Huntley, horticultural commissioner, and F. A. Clark, oil inspector.

ATTEMPTED ESCAPE.

Two Negro Convicts Attempt to Escape from Convict Farm.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 15.—The result of a fray for all fight covering a desperate attempt on the part of two negro convicts from the Oakley convict farm, twenty miles southwest of this city, Captain J. N. Buckley, in charge of the camp, received a seven-inch gash in the chest and Sergeant Doods had his arm broken. Governor Vardaman, with members of the board of control, hastened to the scene on a special train. The governor will pardon the convict who disarmed the men that attacked Buckley.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Prominent London Woman Opposes Right to Vote.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—A special to the Tribune from London says: Marie Corelli, though her profound contempt in man in every aspect remains unimpaired, does not believe in woman suffrage. She claims that she can direct fifty men's votes at elections in any way she chooses, but her power would be destroyed if she had a vote of her own.

"If," she said, "woman has the natural heritage of her sex the mystic power to persuade, enthrall and subjugate man, she has no need to come down from her throne to mingle in any of his political frays." She scores woman remorselessly for allowing herself to be given away in fashion papers.

ROWING FACILITIES

Middle West Object to Holding Regattas in East.

FACILITIES IN THE WEST

Advertising Given Poughkeepsie University is of no Practical Benefit or Advantage to Western Universities.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—Max Loeb, secretary of Wisconsin Alumni Association, and editor of the Alumni Magazine, issued a statement last night in which he strongly advocated abandonment of the policy of sending crews east in June to participate in the intercollegiate regatta at Poughkeepsie. He declares the natural field for athletics for Wisconsin is in the middle west, that an intercollegiate rowing association should be organized by such of the big western universities as have aquatic facilities, that a series of rowing races should be held between crews representing the different departments of the university, that an eastern trip is expensive, that owing to natural difficulties, Wisconsin is unable to acquit itself creditably at Poughkeepsie and that the advertising which the university received by sending crews east is not an adequate return for the expense and trouble incurred. Coming as it does on the eve of the proposed request by the board of regents for the employment of a crew coach, the statement of Secretary Loeb has caused much comment.

The regents will pass on the question of a coach Tuesday.

USUAL OCCURRENCE.

Four Men Killed in a Railroad Collision in Louisiana.

DONALDSVILLE, La., Dec. 15.—Four persons killed and two seriously injured is the result of a head-on collision between the Cannonball express and a freight train on the Texas Pacific here today.

MAKING WAR PREPARATIONS

Japs are After Portion of Sandwich Island.

AS BASE OF SUPPLIES

U. S. Rushes Two Companies of Soldiers to Honolulu Island.

SERIOUS TROUBLE EXPECTED

San Francisco Attorney Secures an Injunction to Prevent the Selling of Island of Lanai to Japanese Syndicate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The Examiner publishes the following dispatch from Honolulu today:

The officers of the transport Thomas have announced that two regiments are to be rushed immediately to the island in anticipation of trouble with the Japanese. They absolutely refuse to give out any of the details bearing upon the call for troops, or the reason why the government feels that the soldiers of Uncle Sam are necessary in the islands, which at this time are overrun by the little brown men.

It is understood that the Mikado was extremely anxious to secure possession of the island of Lanai, which is private property. This island is 50 miles from Honolulu, and could be used as an excellent naval base against the United States and any foreign power. It has two splendid harbors.

Tonight George D. Gear secured an injunction against Commissioner Pratt to prevent their selling the island to a syndicate. It is understood that the syndicate represents the Japanese government or people who ultimately expect to dispose of the island to Japan.

LICENSES REVOKED.

Report of the Investigation of Collision on the Sound.

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—The report of inspectors Whitney and Turney who investigated the Dix-Jeannie collision, was completed tonight. The licenses of Captain Parker Lamond, master of the steambot Dix, was revoked for neglecting to cause a sufficient lookout to be kept on board the Dix and for negligently giving control of the vessel to an officer not qualified by law. Captain Phillip Mason, master of the Jeannie, was exonerated from all blame in connection with the disaster. The officers of the steamship companies are censured for practicing too great a degree of economy in operating the vessel. About fifty persons were lost as a result of the collision on November 18.

THAW MURDER CASE.

Demand Made That Case Be Set Down for Immediate Trial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Clifford W. Hartridge, attorney for Harry K. Thaw, applied to Justice O'Gorman of the New York Supreme Court today for an order to show cause why the indictment against Thaw for murder of Stanford White should not be dismissed unless a speedy trial was granted. The order was served upon Assistant District Attorney Garvis and was made returnable next Monday.

PANAMA CANAL.

Foreign Contractors Will Not Be Allowed to Bid.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Foreign contractors will not be allowed to enter into competition in the construction of the Panama canal. Chairman Shonts, canal commissioner, made this announcement today. Many changes have been agreed to from the contract, but the most important is limiting proposals to American firms. The right is reserved by the commission to reject any and all bids. The commission will then throw competition open to foreign bidders or proceed with the work without awarding a contract. January 12 is the day set for opening the proposals.

CONTEST ENDED.

Great Bicycle Contest in Madison Square Garden Closed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The six-day bicycle race ended tonight; Root and Folger were first; Downing and Hopper, second; Gutt and McFarland, third. The last mile was ridden by Folger, Downing and Gutt respectively for the first three teams. The time of the last mile was 2:17. The distance covered by the first eight teams was 2,232 miles and 2 laps. After the finish the riders were 441 miles and 2 laps behind the record of Waller and Miller for the same number of hours, made in 1899.

DISCOVERED SERUM.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A cable dispatch from Berne, Switzerland, received here today, says that Dr. Kolle, bacteriologist at Berne, University, thinks he has discovered a serum that cures cerebro spinal meningitis.

WHALING STATIONS

Three New Ones to Be Located on Vancouver I

FOUR NEW STEAMERS BE BUILT

Two Other Stations Will Also Be Built Near River's Inlet and One in the Gulf of Georgia—Will Use Orion for Life Saving.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 15.—Captain Balcom returned from Ottawa tonight after arranging for licenses for four more coast whaling stations, making five in all. Three will be on Vancouver Island, where the Sechart station has been very successful; one on Denman island in the gulf of Georgia, and another on the northern British Columbia coast near Rivers Inlet. Four new whaling steamers will be built, one to be placed at each station.

Captain Balcom confirmed the Ottawa report that he had agreed to use his steamer Orion for life saving when called upon and a telegraph line will be built at once to the Sechart station from Ucluelet.

J. H. Greer, British Columbia agent of the new Canadian Mexican Steamship line, received a cablegram from G. T. Simons & Company of London today announcing that steamers Crusader and Apollo would be placed in this service in March, making monthly trips between Vancouver and Salina Cruz and with a half-way port.

GOVERNMENT STUPEFIED.

Spanish Government Surprised by Actions of Papal Secretary.

MADRID, Dec. 15.—The Impartial today says that the Spanish government was stupefied to learn that Cardinal Merry Del Val, papal secretary, had requested the Spanish ambassador at Paris to take over the archives of the Nunciature abandoned by Montagnini. The ambassador refused to do so and asked Madrid for instructions.

PORTLAND CAR STRIKE

Street Car System Completely Tied Up.

TRAFFIC IS SUSPENDED

Portland Railroad Company Refuses to Accede to Demand of Employees.

MUCH PROPERTY DESTROYED

Strikers and Hoodlums Stop Street Cars, Break Windows and Compel Conductors and Motormen to Abandon Their Cars.

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—The street car system in Portland, owned by the Portland Railway, Light and Power company, is practically tied up tonight as the result of a strike of the motormen and conductors inaugurated this afternoon, upon the refusal of the company to sign an agreement submitted by the men calling for increased wages, abolishment of the system recently inaugurated by the company of photographing platform men, and demanding that the company shall not discriminate against the union.

The strikers number about one-half of the six hundred motormen and conductors employed on the system, and of the strikers, two hundred and fifty are members of the union. It is not probable that many non-union men will join the movement. The strike has a serious aspect tonight. Thousands of men and boys gathered at various stations and as fast as the cars approached or reached the transfer point, a rush was made for the men, who were compelled to desert their cars or be beaten by the mob. Several riotous demonstrations occurred between eight and nine o'clock when a mob of men and boys, led by hoodlums, smashed car windows, bending trolley poles and cutting wires so that the cars could not be operated and otherwise destroying property.

Several clashes occurred between the unwilling carmen and the mob and at Second and Washington streets, one of the principal transfer points of the city, the mob broke loose and did considerable damage to cars. A Chicago detective named Cosser attempted to dissuade the mob from damaging the cars and the company's property, and was set upon by the mob. He backed up against a wall and was in imminent danger of being hurt when he drew his revolver and fired into the air. The police seemed powerless to control the mob and in the excitement that followed the shot fired by Cosser, he got away from the rabble. A number of arrests were made.

At other points along the trunk lines mobs of hoodlums rotten-egged the carmen who refused to desert their cars, and in one or two instances the "loyal" men were beaten. But for this fact the cars would have been gotten into the barns as rapidly as possible, as serious trouble might occur. A dense fog, which is a rare phenomenon in Portland, is aiding the lawless element. The street car strikers have thus far been orderly.

BICYCLE RACE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—In the six day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, the night passed uneventful. A few spurts were made in an endeavor to gain ground, but beyond stirring up some excitement among the spectators, the sprinting was fruitless. Ten teams

remain in the race, Vanderstift and Stol, and Galvin and Wiley having dropped out.

PAVEMENT SINKS.

Break in New York Street Near Waldorf-Astoria.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A section of the asphalt paving in Forty-third street, opposite the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, suddenly sank more than two feet last night under an ash cart. The driver of the cart was thrown from his seat and bruised.

The sunken space measures about 15 feet square. The break in the street was explained by Chief Engineer Brown, in charge of the work at the Pennsylvania tunnel, the roof of which is below the surface of the street.

WOMAN RUN OVER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The woman who was run over by a car on Fulton street, near Sixteenth Avenue, yesterday morning, and who afterward died on the operating table at the French hospital, was identified as Mrs. John Murphy, a refugee, living in tent No. 339 on the speedway in Golden Gate Park.

OSCAR IMPROVED.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 15.—King Oscar's condition took a decided turn for the better today. His heart action is improved.

COAL FAMINE.

Eleven Cars Tied Up On Great Northern Railroad.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Dec. 15.—It is reported that eleven freight trains between Grand Forks and Minot on the Great Northern Railroad are stalled on account of snow or shortage of coal, or both.

INFORMAL HEARING

National Editorial Association Before Commerce Commission.

TRANSPORTATION ON RAILWAY

Association Asks That Former Rules Relative to Exchanging Advertising For Transportation Be Reconsidered—May Succeed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Fifteen members of the National Editorial Association had an informal hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission today in an endeavor to have a ruling of the commission rescinding a previous ruling that newspapers cannot accept railroad transportation for advertising, with a view of a continuance of the business relations between the newspapers and the railroad companies.

Chairman Knapp of the commission expressed his personal opinion and said that if the railroads were honestly indebted to the newspapers for advertising or anything else, he saw no reason why the companies should not issue transportation for it, but that there should be no "fake contracts," which contemplated merely furnishing transportation for advertising. It was suggested to the newspaper men that they could have the question judicially determined if they wished to make a test case. It is probable that the Editorial Association will take the matter into the courts for a judicial decision.

NARROW ESCAPE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—More than forty passengers in two elevated electric cars today were saved from being dashed to the pavement below the structure on Wabash avenue last night by the reason that a switch tower stopped the course of the coaches when they left the track on the curve. The accident is believed to have been caused by a defective frog.